



CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY BRINDISI'S  
**100 DAYS REPORT**



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**FIRST 100 DAYS**  
BY THE NUMBERS

**8**  
COUNTIES  
VISITED

**5**  
MOBILE OFFICE  
HOUR LOCATIONS

**5**  
BILLS INTRODUCED/  
CO-INTRODUCED

**82**  
BILLS  
COSPONSORED

**4**  
AMENDMENTS  
PASSED!

**83**  
CONSTITUENT  
CASES SOLVED

**10**  
BRINDISI AT YOUR  
BUSINESS VISITS

**4**  
TOWN HALLS  
HELD

**53**  
COMMUNITY EVENTS,  
MEETINGS, AND TOURS



**12,040**  
RESPONSES TO CONSTITUENT  
CALLS, EMAILS, AND LETTERS



**89**  
VETERANS ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEMBERS

**70**  
AGRICULTURE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEMBERS

# LEGISLATION

## BILLS INTRODUCED

**Transparency for Cable Consumers Act:** In the State Assembly, Congressman Brindisi led the charge against Charter/Spectrum. Now he's taken that fight to Congress. His first bill, the Transparency for Cable Consumers Act, provides better oversight of cable and internet providers and holds companies fined by a state Public Service Commission (PSC) accountable.

**The Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act:** Congressman Brindisi has heard from dairy farmers across Upstate New York that they need more skilled, qualified workers to help run their operations and get products on shelves. The Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act would amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to allow foreign dairy workers to use the H-2A visas program and enter the United States for an initial period of three years with an additional three-year extension period.

**TRACED Act:** Knocking out annoying robocallers is one area Republicans and Democrats can agree. Congressman Brindisi joined Republican Reps. David Kustoff and Lloyd Smucker to introduce the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act to require call identity validation, increase civil penalties for robocallers, and cut down on spoofed calls.

## AMENDMENTS PASSED

**Supporting Rural Veterans:** In February, the House passed the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act (H.R. 840), bipartisan legislation to provide free child care at VA medical centers and clinics. Congressman Brindisi successfully included two amendments in the final bill: one ensuring rural veterans who receive care from Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) are able to access VA child care assistance, and one requiring the VA to report to Congress on child care access and eligibility challenges for veterans who reside in rural and highly rural areas. NY-22 has three CBOCs: Bainbridge, Binghamton, and Rome.

**Expanding Voting Hours in Upstate New York:** The House passed the For the People Act of 2019 (H.R. 1) to help fix the broken political system, reduce the role of dark money in politics, and impose new, higher ethics standards for members of Congress. Congressman Brindisi introduced and passed an amendment to expand voting hours in Upstate New York and institute rules to prevent states from reducing polling hours for people based solely on where they live.

**Improving Rural Broadband:** Internet access is essential in today's economy, and we need to do more to connect rural areas to high-speed broadband. That's why Congressman Brindisi included an amendment to the Save the Internet Act of 2019 (H.R. 1644) directing the GAO to issue a report about ways the U.S. government can promote the build-out of high-speed broadband infrastructure, especially in rural and other unserved areas.

## OTHER ACTIONS

**COMBATING THE OPIOID CRISIS:** The opioid crisis is tearing apart Upstate New York families, and we must take action to get these drugs out of our communities. In response to an increased number of opioid overdoses in Oneida and Broome counties, Congressman Brindisi joined members on both sides of the aisle in calling on budget negotiators to ensure Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has the tools it needs to keep fentanyl out of the country.

**IMPROVING RURAL CENSUS COUNT:** It is essential for the census to collect accurate data about Upstate New York. Congressman Brindisi led a bipartisan group of Upstate New York Congressional Representatives in a letter calling on the Census Bureau's to do more to ensure a complete count in rural areas, especially in areas without at-home mail delivery.

**PROTECTING ROME LAB FUNDING:** Congressman Brindisi continues to fight for Upstate New York budget priorities including perimeter security at the Air Force Research Laboratory in Rome. He asked appropriators to protect the \$14.2 million appropriated last year for Rome Lab's Anti-Terrorism Perimeter Security/Entry Control Point military construction project. The sensitive work done at the lab places it at higher risk, and ensuring these funds are appropriated will help ensure employees' safety against potential terrorist threats.

# COMMITTEES

## HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Congressman Brindisi was appointed to the House Committee on Agriculture where he serves on two subcommittees: Livestock and Foreign Agriculture and Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research. He created an Agriculture Advisory Council made up of farmers, producers, and agriculture partners to help guide his work in Congress and on the committee.

**KEY ACTIONS:** Convened his Agriculture Advisory Council made up of 70 local farmers, producers and agriculture partners; Introduced the the Dairy and Sheep H-2A Visa Enhancement Act; Lead bipartisan effort to stop the labeling of non-dairy products as milk; Co-sponsored the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act to expand whole milk options in school lunchrooms

## HOUSE VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Congressman Brindisi was appointed to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs where he serves on two subcommittees: Health and Economic Opportunity. He created a Veterans Advisory Council to help bring Upstate New York veterans' voices to Congress.

**KEY ACTIONS:** Convened his Veterans Advisory Council made up of 89 local veterans, veterans service officers, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) members, family members and caregivers to veterans; Passed an amendment to the Veterans' Access to Child Care Act to ensure rural veterans have access to child care at VA facilities; Questioned the VA Secretary about potential plans to move the VA clinic out of Bainbridge and continues to fight efforts to relocate the clinic.

# IN THE COMMUNITY

**TOWN HALLS:** Congressman Brindisi's top priority is listening to and helping the people of New York's 22nd district. He is holding a hold free, open town hall each month, visiting every county in the district in 2019.

**BRINDISI AT YOUR BUSINESS:** Congressman Brindisi launched Brindisi at Your Business, an ongoing effort to hear straight from employers, employees, and business leaders about what needs to be done to help businesses grow and thrive.

**NY-22 INFRASTRUCTURE TOUR:** From fixing roads and bridges to extending rail tracks, Congressman Brindisi has made infrastructure one of his top priorities. He kicked off an infrastructure tour of NY-22 to see the updates and improvements that need to be done.

**VALENTINES FOR VETS:** Congressman Brindisi started Valentines for Vets to show appreciation for Upstate New York veterans. Congressman Brindisi's offices collected more than 200 cards from individuals, families, students, and schools across Upstate New York. He had the honor to deliver valentines and spend time with local veterans.

**BRINDISI BOOKWORMS:** Congressman Brindisi started Brindisi Bookworms, a program to help get more books on shelves across NY-22. Led by Congressman Brindisi's wife, Erica, Brindisi Bookworms takes advantage of the Library of Congress Surplus Book Program which allows members of Congress to donate the Library's extra books to schools, libraries, community centers, and other qualifying organizations.

**MOBILE OFFICE HOURS:** Congressman Brindisi's team is trained to help constituents who have questions or problems with a federal agency or program, including Social Security and Medicare, veterans benefits, federal student loans, grant applications, and more. Each month, his team holds mobile office hours across the district to meet folks in person, answer their questions, and work to solve their problems.

# WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

## OBSERVER-DISPATCH

### BRINDISI LAYS OUT PRIORITIES, LISTENS TO CONSTITUENTS

Rome resident Bob Bojanek ... said since Brindisi took office, he has noticed a big change in the attitude of people toward their representative in Congress as well as a change in the way those people are spoken to.

"He's willing to reach out and talk to us, that's different."

1/18/19

## pressconnects.

### YOUR TURN: REP. BRINDISI BRINGING REAL REPRESENTATION TO 22ND DISTRICT

Anthony has a reputation for accomplishing things. It is reassuring that he is following that precedent in Congress, by being attentive to his constituents and watching our backs.

3/31/19



## OBSERVER-DISPATCH

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR: BRINDISI CONTINUES COMMON-SENSE WAYS

Rep. Anthony Brindisi, D-22, and Rep. John Katko, R-24, recently joined together to call on members of both parties to find a bipartisan solution to end the federal government shutdown.

What a refreshing change these two gentlemen bring to the table showing common sense and respect for one another, both making an effort to improve these sensitive issues for government employees and their constituents.

Congressman Brindisi continues to "reach across the aisle" as he did as our state assemblyman.

- Howard Bushinger, Deerfield  
1/27/19

## OBSERVER-DISPATCH

### COMMENTARY: BRINDISI GETS POINTS DURING FIRST MONTH

Two defining features of Rep. Anthony Brindisi's approach to representation were evident during his first month in Congress: accessibility and bipartisanship.

2/10/19

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